



Dear Doctor:

I am writing to urge your participation on the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The National Center for Health Statistics has invested many years in developing this study. The past years of survey activity attest to its soundness and value in collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice.

Many very valuable reports have been published since the survey first began. It has many useful purposes: to obtain information which can provide a useful base for planning and organizing health services; to assess health facilities and manpower requirements; to determine modifications in medical education programs, and to provide increased knowledge of disease in the ambulatory settings. All of these reports have been used extensively by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in its ongoing efforts to keep our members at the forefront of ambulatory care.

Along with other medical organizations, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has been involved in developing the NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find that the survey design minimizes the amount of record-keeping and time involvement. In addition, strict confidentiality is to be maintained, with only summary data to be published and made available to the medical profession, health planners, researchers and the public.

I am confident that the information derived will be well worth the extra individual effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again, may I urge your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested?

Sincerely,

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